

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 14 have been amended, and claims 4, 5, 9, and 15 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1-3, 6-8, and 10-14 are pending and under consideration.

Briefly, allowable claims 6 and 7 have been amended into independent form. Accordingly, allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 102

Claims 1, 8, 10, and 14 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Korean publication no. 1999-012383 (hereinafter publication '383). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Similar to the above amendment of claims 6 and 7 into independent form, the remaining independent claims have been amended to include at least some of the allowable features included in claims 6 and 7.

Here, independent claim 1 has been amended to both claim that the fan is "in the component compartment" and that a casing supporting the claimed fan "between the fan and a fan motor to drive the fan such that when the casing attaches to the cover a seal is formed between the casing and the cover to encapsulate the fan so that all of the air moving through the fan is expelled through the air outlets," as recited in independent claim 1. The remaining independent claims set forth similar allowable subject matter with differing breadth and scope.

It is respectfully submitted that publication '383 fails to disclose at least these features, in combination with the remaining pending feature, for the independent claims.

Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 103

Claims 2, 3, 11, 12, and 13 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over reference '383.

Without substantively traversing the outstanding rejection, applicants respectfully submit that these dependent claims are at least allowable for their dependence from their respective independent claims.

Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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